

Veditz film collection helps preserve history

Gallaudet is attempting to preserve the history of deaf people and the deaf community through a growing collection of films—dating back as early as 1910—in the Gallaudet College Archives.

The George W. Veditz Film Collection, named in honor of the president of the National Association of the Deaf between 1904-1910, now contains 187 films. About 15 were made through the NAD between about 1910-1925. Some are of plays written and directed by deaf people between 1932 and the mid 60s. Others are home films made around 1930 by deaf individuals of picnics, parties, and meetings of the NAD and National Fraternal Society of the Deaf. Still others capture Gallaudet drama performances back as early as 1947, when "The Mikado" was performed by Gallaudet students.

"We have a small gold mine in the Archives," says John Schuchman, whose interest in expanding the collection grew out of his oral history project with deaf people during the past two years.

An avid historian as well as the vice president of Academic Affairs, Schuchman for the past two years has been involved with improving the history of the deaf community. A grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities enabled him to begin his oral history project. So far, Schuchman has done about 20 videotaped interviews of older deaf individuals—many of them members of the Happy Hands Club for deaf senior citizens in the D.C. area. During his interviews, he questioned the individuals about the period in their lives when they were teens and young adults. This turned out to be during the depression and silent movie era, and one question which arose was what deaf people did when movies switched to "talkies."

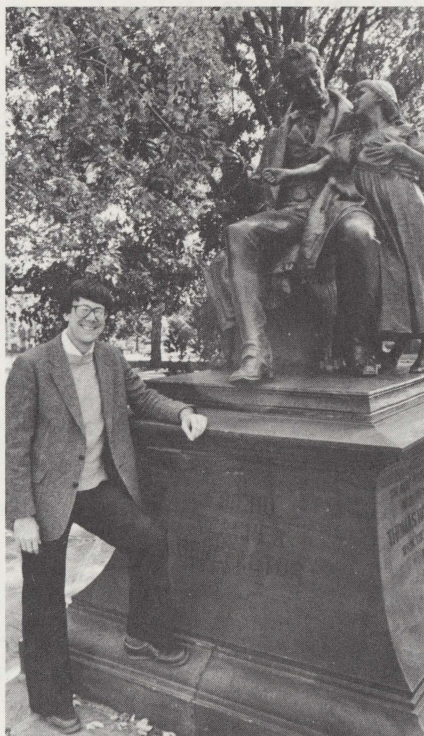
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Volleyball marathon

Starting this Thursday, Nov. 11, the volleyball team here will try to break the world's record for continuous playing.

The event will begin at 4 p.m. in the Field House. Two six-man teams must play until 7:30 p.m. or later Sunday, Nov. 14 to break the world's record which, according to the Guinness Book of World Records, is 75 hours and 30 minutes.

Pledges will be used to support the volleyball team's spring trip to New York.



Tom Jones stands by a statue of his distant cousin Alice Cogswell and T.H. Gallaudet.

Professor discovers Gallaudet roots

by Mike Kaika

Genealogy is now ranked as the second or third most popular hobby and an inexpensive one at that. Ever since Alex Hailey's "Roots" was aired several years ago, people have been digging into their family past, and some have made remarkable findings.

Tom Jones, assistant professor of Education with an office in Fowler Hall, began tracing his family tree as a hobby while he was in high school nearly 20 years ago. Little did he realize then what he would discover 20 years later. In the summer of 1982, one year after he began working at Gallaudet College, he found the link which shows that he is related to Edward Miner Gallaudet, Alice Cogswell and Sophia Fowler.

Tom is related through the maternal side of his family to EMG as fifth cousin, four times removed and to EMG's mother, Sophia Fowler, as fourth cousin, five times removed. Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet (Sophia's husband), is an in-law rather than a blood relative to Jones. His relation to Alice Cogswell is also fourth cousin,

five times removed. "Alice Cogswell died at the early age of 25," said Tom, "in the same year her father died (1830)." She was very close to him and was extremely saddened by his death, which was a factor in her death, said Jones.

Since his findings, Jones has been teased by his colleagues that he will be granted tenure soon. Others have asked if he has controlling stock in the College. "Wish it were true but am afraid I'll have to earn my stripes like anyone else," said Jones.

Tracing the family tree can be fun and fascinating but the person should be fastidious with details. Discovering information long forgotten and preserving memories that might otherwise be lost forever brings out a certain joy among amateur genealogist.

The best way to start, like Jones did, is to explore your own memories, talking with your parents, grandparents, and other relatives. Kinds of information to gather from family members are maiden names, names of siblings, dates and places of birth, marriages and deaths, schools and churches attended and where they lived.

"You should collect a wealth of information from family members before you even have to go to libraries, archives or other places where records may be kept," commented Jones. He cautioned people to be careful about surnames of ancestors—people change their names for a variety of reasons. Also, immigrants often chose, or were assigned names easier to spell or pronounce than their original names.

"When I started this hobby I had no idea I would discover that I am a relative of Gallaudet or Cogswell," said Tom. "It was about five years ago when I found there were Miners in my family tree that I began to sense there may be a connection."

The Gallaudets were born in New England and in 1857 Edward Miner Gallaudet, at the age of 20, was appointed superintendent of this institution. EMG and his mother, who was

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A group of campus volunteers who work primarily with various areas of the Alumni and Public Relations Office were honored with a reception at the EMG Residence Oct. 27. Above, National Information Center on Deafness Director Loraine diPietro and A/PR Director Jack Gannon talk with volunteer David Peikoff. Below are volunteers Georgette Fleischmann of the Visitors Center and May Curtis of the Development Office.



Reminder:

"Happy Hour" begins this Wednesday, Nov. 10 in the upstairs area of the Alumni House.

Happy Hour will be held every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 4-6 p.m. Complimentary snacks will be served this week.

During Happy Hour, beer and wine will be served, at a cost of \$1 and 75 cents respectively.

Serendipity

Library Bits & Pieces

Vertical file on deafness

by Carolyn Jones

The deafness vertical file in the Library is an exceptional tool in studying deafness and the deaf. All too often, vertical files or newspaper and magazine clippings, thin pamphlets, folders, etc are a secondary source of information—poorly searched for or inadequately indexed and kept. The deafness vertical file, on the contrary, is considered a valuable resource for research information.

Often information about a topic will appear first in magazines of newspapers. Those items may be all that is available in print until books and articles in research journals may be written. For example, when the idea of hearing ear dogs was first noised about, the Library received numerous requests about how to contact the one program that trained such dogs. Without the slim folder containing only a few newspaper clippings, such requests could

not have been filled. Those clippings were valuable.

Sometimes information is of a nature that is often used as "filler" in serial publications. Good examples of this kind are poems, humor and cartoons. The poetry in the file fills eight file folders (arranged by titles with an author index) and is a favorite with speechmakers.

Often vertical file kinds of information may seem of little value, something to be kept only for a short time and then tossed into the nearest wastebasket. But a good collection, built up slowly of such seemingly valueless bits, gains collective strength from many smaller pieces.

If you or your office or department have newspaper clippings or any kind of similar material, will you give them to the Library for the deafness vertical file? If you are finished using them, just toss them in an interdepartmental and send to Carolyn Jones. After all, if you're not going to use them, somebody else might as well.



George W. Veditz

Veditz films

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One answer was that they made their own movies.

But Schuchman also began to realize that the members of the deaf community were making movies even before the historic "Birth of a Nation" appeared in 1915. An example is Veditz's 1910 NAD film, a copy of which is now in the Archives.

During his research, Schuchman also met Ernest Marshall, a third generation member of a deaf family, who made nine feature films with an all-deaf cast between the 1930s and 60s. Marshall also collected old silent films, and traveled around the country showing his films to deaf clubs. Schuchman brought Marshall to Gallaudet to interview him, and Gallaudet was also able to copy some of Marshall's films. Marshall intends to give his collection of 144 films to Gallaudet in the future.

As Schuchman's work progressed, he gathered together a committee of interested individuals who agreed that preserving the old films was an important part of maintaining the history of the deaf community. Individuals in the Theatre Arts Department, put together a half-hour videotape—"Our Priceless Gift: An Introduction to the George W. Veditz Film Collection,"—which contains short clips of the many films and videotapes involving deaf people that are available at Gallaudet. "This is a tickler to the deaf community to be thinking about their heritage,"

Schuchman says. The tape was shown at the dedication of Elstad Auditorium at the Gallaudet College Alumni Association Reunion this past summer and since that time, additional films have been donated to Gallaudet's collection.

Plans are being made for "Our Priceless Gift" to be available for viewing through the Media area in the Learning Center. Although most of the films in the Archives, as "first copies," are not available for viewing, many have been reproduced on 16mm film and can be seen through the Media area. Most of the NAD films have also been videotaped for viewing.

It is hoped that Gallaudet can become a repository of old films of deaf people or films relating to deafness, according to Schuchman, and Gallaudet is trying to expand its collection through encouraging people in the deaf community to donate any old films they may have. Two, in particular, that he is interested in acquiring are "His Busy Hour," a 1926 movie

made with deaf actors that was never shown commercially; and "Bits of Life," a four-episode movie made in the 1920s that featured a segment about a deaf barber as well as a segment in which Lon Chaney, the son of deaf parents, starred. It may be possible to have a film festival here in a couple of years, Schuchman hopes.

In addition to his interest in expanding Gallaudet's film collection, Schuchman has written a number of articles. One, on "Silent Movies and the Deaf Community," should appear later this year in the *Journal of American Culture*. Schuchman also attended the annual meeting of the Oral History Association in San Antonio, TX in October, where he made a presentation on deafness and the use of videotape technology.

His latest project is interviewing several individuals who worked on *The Cavalier*, a national newspaper for the deaf in the 1940s that filled the gap between the time to *Silent Worker* died in 1929 and when it came to life again later. Schuchman is interviewing persons including Alan Crammatte, Henry Holter and Reuben Altizer to find out what it was like to run the paper during that time.

Schuchman also hopes that persons throughout the country will become interested in helping collect an oral history of deaf people, and he plans to include more history of deaf women—about whom very little has been written—in his future work.

Sponsored R&D

Grant/contract deadlines

Provided below are application deadlines of selected federal programs that offer potential grant or contract opportunities for Kendall Green faculty, staff and graduate students. More details on programs of interest can be obtained from the Office of Sponsored Research, x5030 (voice or TDD).

Deadline	Program
11/12/82	ED: Bilingual Education Fellowship Programs
11/15/82	ED: LIBRARY PROGRAMS—Strengthening Research Library Resources Program
11/15/82	NEH—Humanities Youth Grants: Full Proposals
11/15/82	NIJ—Justice Research Visiting Fellowship Program
11/15/82	NSF—Regional Conference in Mathematical Sciences
11/15/82	NEH—Humanities Youth grants: Full Proposals
11/15/82	NEA—Arts Endowment Film Preservation Program

11/24/82	NSF—Graduate Fellowship Program
12/01/82	NEH—Youth Projects-Preliminary Projects
12/01/82	WHITE HOUSE FELLOWSHIPS—1983-84 Awards
12/10/82	HRSA—Health Careers Opportunity Program
12/14/82	FIPSE—Preapplications for Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education

Handicapped education

The Student Initiated Research Program awards funding for applied research projects in handicapped education. Funding amounts per project have ranged from \$2,000-10,000, with the average project funded for \$7,000-8,000.

Although awards are made to students (usually at the doctoral level), someone in the applicant's institution must take formal responsibility for the project. The fall cycle funding deadlines are past, but applications for the spring cycle awards are due March 17, 1983.



These employees in the Division of Public Services put on their finest faces for a Halloween party held Oct. 27.

MAIA Aerobics Dance Program

Three mini sessions of the MAIA Aerobics Dance Program, designed to tone, tighten and increase the flexibility of the body, are being offered at Gallaudet Nov. 29-Jan. 14. The program will run for five weeks with a two-week break for the holidays.

The sessions include:
Section I: 8 Mondays & Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m.
Section II: 8 Mondays & Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m.
Section III: 8 Tuesdays & Thursdays, Noon-1 p.m.

Cost of each program is \$32. The aerobics classes are being offered through Programs in Adult and Community Education. For more information, call x5597 voice or TDD.

Blood donors needed

Donors are still needed to give blood during Gallaudet's annual Fall Red Cross Blood Drive this Thursday. Interested persons can give blood in the Multipurpose Room of Ely Center from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

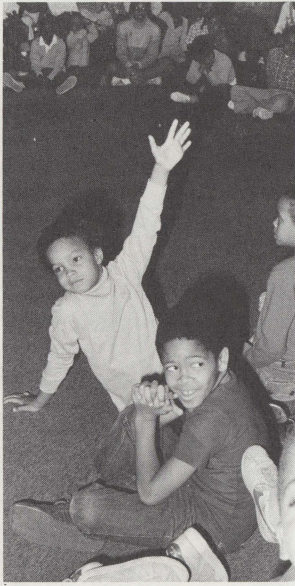
For further information, contact Tina Jo Breindel at x5727 or leave a message at the Student Life office, x5749.

CPS reminder

Persons interested in taking the Certified Professional Secretary examination in May, 1983, need to apply to the certifying institution by Dec. 1. For an application or further information, contact Irene Pruitt, x5051.



Janet Bailey, left, directed the dramatic presentation on deafness for public school children given by teacher-aides from Gallaudet's Department of Education.



Education majors give presentation

A special group of nine volunteers from the Undergraduate Teacher Preparation Programs, under the direction of former Gallaudet Visitors Center Coordinator Janet Bailey, recently developed and performed a special dramatic presentation on deafness for public school children.

These students, along with four other students, have recently begun a practicum experience as teacher-aides in public school classrooms with hearing children prior to their full-time student teaching in the spring semester. As a way of preparing the hearing children and their teachers, these Gallaudet seniors performed a special 45-minute program of skits and songs about deafness and communication systems used by hearing-impaired persons.

Performers included William Wong, Lori Fisher, Myra Osborne, Roxane Fenicle, Maurice Abenchuchan, Brenda Cardoza, Linda Everett, Hillel Goldberg and Diane Noel. The response of the children and their teachers was highly enthusiastic; a fifth grader commented, "I think I understand a lot more now about what it means to be a deaf person and I will understand more about my student teacher from Gallaudet." One of the public school teachers added, "To me it is wonderful that these students can take the responsibility for putting such a show together, perform it for us, and then a few days later come to our school and start working with our hearing children." Several performances were given at three different schools in the greater D.C. area.

Gallaudet business campaign begins

Kenneth Wells Parkinson of Jackson, Campbell & Parkinson, P.C. is chairman of a six-member Executive Committee of prominent local businessmen who have volunteered to conduct Gallaudet's first Washington Metropolitan Area Annual Business Campaign.

Community business leaders serving on the Committee include Alexander A. Biero of A.A. Biero Construction Company; Melvin L. Chrisman of the Riggs National Bank; George M. Ferris, Jr. of Ferris & Company; Vincent E. Reed of the Washington Post; and Robert W. Wening, Jr. of Mills, Claggett, & Wening.

In their fall fundraising appeal to approximately 550 of the area's businesses, the businessmen will emphasize the urgent need for funds to help meet the rubella challenge confronting the College. Specifically, the funds will be used to renovate, equip and furnish the Northwest Campus, recently acquired by the College to accommodate the sharp increase in entering enrollment beginning in 1983 due to the rubella epidemic of the 1960s. This epidemic caused the birth rate of deaf infants to double.

Of the total \$7 million needed to complete the renovation project, \$6 million has been secured. The 1982 Annual Business Campaign goal has been set at \$300,000. (The remaining \$700,000 will be sought by the College

from corporations and foundations nationwide.) Donors contributing \$500 or more to the Campaign will receive special recognition by having their names inscribed on the Builder's Plaque to be located in the Main Building on the Northwest Campus.

The leadership of the Campaign's Executive Committee in gaining local community support will be an invaluable asset in strengthening Gallaudet's ability to secure the total resources needed to complete the campus renovation.

Budget update

The Congress has passed and the president signed a Continuing Resolution through Dec. 15, 1982. Gallaudet is authorized in this legislation to spend at the level of \$52 million.

In order to gear up to be ready to serve the first wave of the rubella students next fall, all program increases will be frozen for the first three quarters of Fiscal Year 1983. This means that no new positions may be filled or new programs initiated until July 1, 1983.

Questions regarding spending levels can be addressed to Jerry Lee, vice president for Business Affairs, x5051.

Recognition campaign for disabled children

The Foundation for Exceptional Children is beginning its 1983 recognition campaign for disabled children and youth. Last year more than 600 handicapped people between the ages of 2-21 received Certificates of Achievement from the Foundation.

YES I CAN! is a program that recognizes young people who have overcome barriers caused by a physical disability or the general public's misunderstanding of the results of a physical disability. To be eligible for a Certificate of Achievement, a disabled young person must be nominated by two persons for achievements in any one of the following categories: Academics, Arts, Athletics, Community Service, Employment, Extracurricular Activities or Independent Living Skills.

To receive nomination forms, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: YES I CAN!

Foundation for Exceptional Children
1920 Association Drive
Reston, VA 22091

All nomination forms must be postmarked no later than Jan. 15, 1983.

Toby's Dinner Theater of Columbia, Maryland

presents

Brigadoon

Friday, Nov. 12
6:15-10:30 p.m.

South Entrance Road
Columbia, Maryland
Fee: \$15.25

Brigadoon is an enchanting story of a town in the heather-covered hills of Scotland that awakens to life for only one day out of every 100 years and then vanished into the mist for another century. The fairytale is filled with lyrical romance, lilting melodies and Scottish dances.

The performance will be interpreted by Janet Bailey and Harry Zarin. For further information, contact Programs in Adult and Community Education, x5597 voice or TDD.

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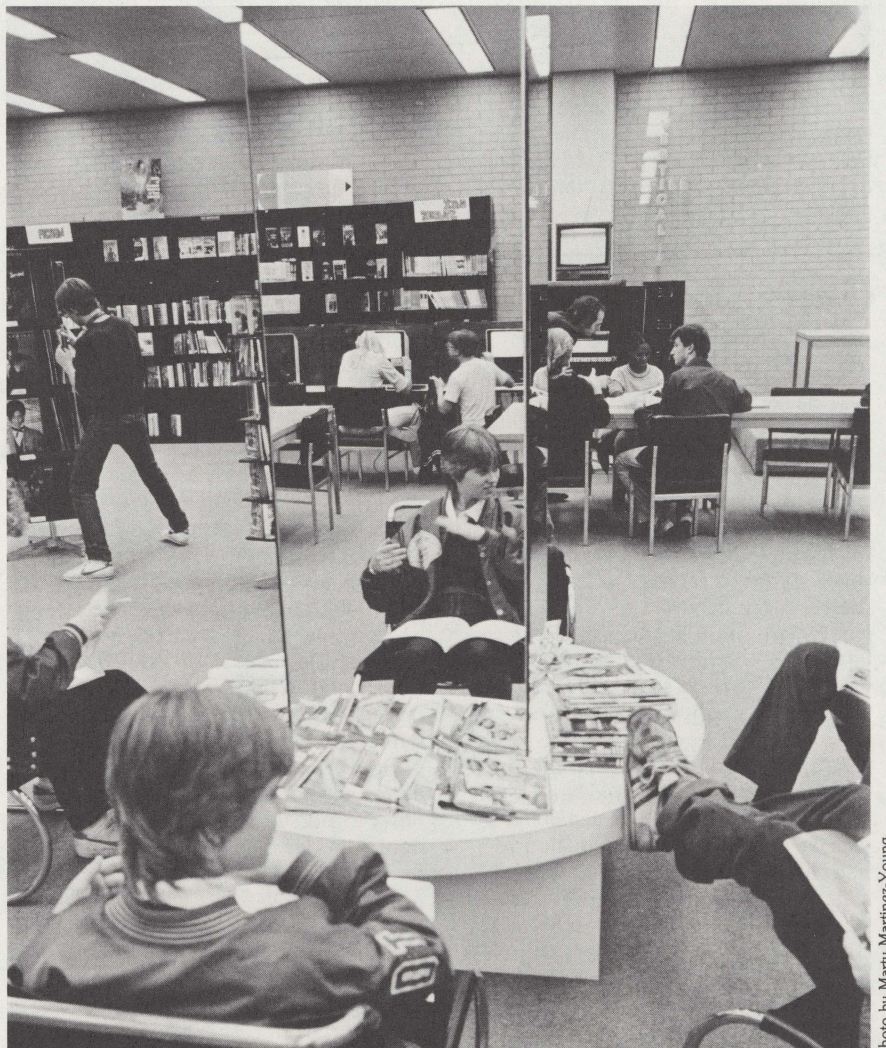
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Beginning English students at MSSD check out some of the resources at the Martin Luther King Public Library during a recent visit. The students met with Alice Hagemeyer, the deaf librarian there, who explained how they can be independent public library users. Here, students enjoy "The Other Place," a special section for young adults which contains such resources as popular magazines, paperbacks, records, computers, videotapes and books.

photo by Marty Martinez-Young

Sports update

The Bison won its only game of the season by defeating the Western Maryland J.V. football team 23-6 on Friday, Oct. 29. Gallaudet took a 23-0 lead going into the fourth quarter and coasted the rest of the way.

Tight end Chris McQuaid caught a 62 yard TD pass from quarterback Leslie Firl in the second quarter to put the Bison on the scoreboard. Kiko Doe kicked the extra point through the uprights. Late in the second quarter, Gallaudet added another two points thanks to a Western MD center who snapped the ball over its punter's head. The ball rolled out of the endzone for a safety.

Not satisfied with a nine point lead, the Bison added two more TDs in the third quarter. Jesse Wade crashed over from the three yard line culminating a long drive. Firl made good the rush for two points. Kiko Doe added another TD on a one yard run giving the Bison a 23-0 lead.

Other College sports results, . . . the soccer team concluded its season with a 7-6 record for the seventh consecutive winning year. The Bison booters lost the final two games of the season to Georgetown 3-0 and Navy JV 3-1.

Results of other college sports were not available at press time.

At the other end of the campus, the MSSD Eagles lost to powerful Poolesville 14-0 on Friday, Oct. 29. MSSD has a 4-4 record and one game left to play.

In other MSSD sports . . . the JV football team was thoroughly defeated by Poolesville, 41-0.

In volleyball competition, MSSD lost to Pallotti 14-16, 15-12, 14-16 but defeated LaReine 15-3, 15-0 in a triangular match. On Oct. 30, the Eagles participated in the D.C. Independent School tournament and came in second.

In cross country competition last week, MSSD defeated the Maryland School for the Deaf 25-36 and nosed out Maret 25-27 but Bullis handed the Eagles a 25-35 loss.



The MSSD football team played its last game of the season during its Homecoming this weekend. Results were not available at press time.

Intramurals Program gains popularity

The new Gallaudet Intramurals Program is growing in scope and popularity. Open volleyball is becoming a tradition on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon-1 p.m. in the Field House. There is no need to register; just bring your playing shoes.

The Health's Club's first meeting was Oct. 21. The first item on its schedule is an exercise group. This will meet every Tuesday in the Hughes Gym from noon-1 p.m. It will follow an aerobic or "Jane Fonda workout" format. The Health Club is also reserving Thursdays at 5 p.m. for a workout session. On alternating Thursdays the club will take a breather and host a demonstration or speaker on topics of nutrition, diet, massage, weight lifting and appropriate ways to exercise. The first demonstration was held Nov. 4 to familiarize participants with the weight equipment and to develop an outline for individual program design.

The club welcomes new members at any time. For more information call the Intramural office, x5362 or stop by and fill out a questionnaire. This is the prime time to think about an indoor exercise program for the winter.

Remember that raquetball for beginners and the ongoing raquetball ladder is an exercise option. Ed Krest is helping the IM center to keep this running smoothly.

Suggestions for additional sports are encouraged. Feel free to contact the Intramural office (Carol Rubin, director) at the Hughes Gym, x5365.

Folklore Society performance interpreted

The Folklore Society of Greater Washington will present an evening of traditional American music with folk singer and instrumentalist Margaret MacArthur on Friday, Nov. 12.

MacArthur's performance will include songs from old time Vermont, other parts of New England and western Kentucky.

The performance begins at 8:30 p.m. at the Washington Ethical Society auditorium, 7750 16th St. NW. Admission is free to members and \$4 for non-members. Sign language interpretation will be offered for hearing impaired persons.

Audio loops available at Smithsonian

Three audio loop systems for hearing impaired visitors are available in the Smithsonian Institution buildings. Persons wearing hearing aids equipped with telecoils can now receive the amplified sound signal in the Carmichael Auditorium of the National Museum of American History.

Baird Auditorium in the National Museum of Natural History has a loop system available for the center section of the seating area. In addition, the Smithsonian's Office of Elementary and Secondary Education has a portable system that can be used in other areas of the Smithsonian.

The loop system is made up of an amplifier, a microphone and a length of wire that encircles a room or a small area within the room.

Hearing impaired persons ordering tickets for classes or lectures need to ask for seating in the "loop" area, and the portable loop can be set up anywhere in the Smithsonian on advance request. For more information on the loop call 357-1697 voice or 357-1696 TDD.

Jobs Available

Some of the advertised staff positions may already be filled. For updated information, call the JOB RECORDING in the Personnel Office, x5514 or x5520 TDD.

SECRETARIAL POSITIONS: Contact Personnel for listing.
SENIOR SYSTEMS PROGRAMMER: Computer Center
ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN: Technical Support Services
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT LIFE: MSSD
SENIOR APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMER/BUSINESS AFFAIRS: Computer Services
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST: KDES
PHYSICAL THERAPIST: KDES
SUPERVISOR: Custodial Services
PRESIDENT: Gallaudet College
COMPUTER OPERATOR: Computer Services
SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS: MSSD
HORTICULTURE SUPERVISOR: M&O Grounds Service
ASST. TO THE DIRECTOR FOR EXTENSION & SUMMER PROGRAMS: Continuing Education
REPORTER: Gallaudet College Television
TEACHER AIDE: Programs in Adult & Community Education
STORES ATTENDANT: M&O Administration

Classified Ads

FOR SALE: Two deluxe rollaway beds with 3 inch thick mattresses. Purchased new two years ago, used only a few times. Original price, \$45 each; for sale at \$25 each. Call x5108 TDD.

FOR RENT: 1 br apt. near Eastern Market on Capitol Hill, fireplace, track lighting, c/ac, sundeck and courtyard, close to Metro, Gallaudet shuttle, market and shopping, \$495/mo. Call Spencer Gibbins, x5320 voice or TDD.

FOR SALE: Head Comp 1 tennis racket, 4 5/8 L, strung with Leona 66 graphite and with cover, excellent condition, \$39. Call Mike, x5389 or Box 103 HMB.

PEN PAL WANTED: 40-year-old deaf divorcee looking for penpals, age 30-45. Write Terence Jones, 3 Dolwog, Main Street, Chersws, Powys, Wales, England.

FOR SALE: Apple Two Plus computer with two disc drives and monitor. Call 345-4348 evenings.

HOME NEEDED: For beautiful black male Persian cat. Must vacate present apt.; will sacrifice, along with collar, bowl, leash, bed, etc. Call Sam, x5480.

FOR RENT: Renovated 2br English basement apt., central air, dishwasher, w/d, Fla. Ave. and M St. NE, \$475/mo. Call 396-1375 voice.

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Genealogy

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appointed the first Matron at Gallaudet, moved to Washington, D.C.

By contrast, Tom Jones (no relation to Tom Jones the singer) was born in California and grew up in Florida. His mother was born in Ohio and his maternal grandfather was born in Michigan. "Of course, it would be much easier to research a family tree if the roots are confined to a geographical region, but it is enormously challenging and even more rewarding when you have to search the 'four corners' of the earth," he said. "And it does not need to cost a fortune to do this," he added. "I only paid the price of postage stamps. I would send a letter explaining what I was searching for with as much specific information as I had available to places such as local, state and federal record offices, requesting copies of various certificates."

Jones received his master's degree in Special Education from Peabody College in Tennessee—the same college where President Merrill received his Ph.D.

"D.C. is one of the best places to research your family tree providing you have enough information to start with," said Jones.

Soon after he began working at Gallaudet he went to the College library and reviewed the Alice Cogswell letters, and in the Library of Congress he found some Gallaudet family genealogies. He then put the puzzle together last summer. He has traced his ancestors as far back as Ephraim Miner (1642) but still needs to fill in some missing links. "What has slowed down my progress, and probably the progress of other people who are attempting to trace their ancestors, is that the 1790 and part of the 1800 census were destroyed in a fire and then 100 years later, another fire destroyed the 1890 census. Also, many records were burned or lost during the Civil War."

Despite some of these obstacles, Jones will continue, during his spare time, to pursue research on his ancestors. He said he hopes to go as far back as Adam.

Jones lives with his wife Julie, who also has a Ph.D. in Special Education and their one year old son Tom Jr., in Washington. His wife, whom he met in college, helped him a lot and now he is helping to trace her family tree. To add another chapter in his fascinating search, Jones beams with pride when he says that his son was born on Dec. 10—the same day that Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet was born.